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SUBJECT: STATUS OF LAUREL- LANGLEY AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINES

REF: STATE 042450

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REVIEW OF NEGOTIATIVE HISTORY PROVIDED PARA 3 REFTEL ON POSSIBLE FUTURE RP/ US ECONOMIC TREATY FORM. BELIEVE IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL CONCERNED WITH THIS SUBJECT NOW BE MADE AWARE OF THIS CAPSULE REVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF WHERE MATTERS WERE LEFT WITH GOP.

2. PER PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY RESERVATIONS FLOW IN PART FROM BELIEF THAT SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE REFERENCES PREMATURE, BUT ALSO IN PART FROM FACT THAT LANGUAGE QUOTE NEGOTIATING A MEANINGFUL TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION UNQUOTE (PROVIDED STATE 039544) SUGGESTS THAT WE HAVE DECIDED ON SPECIFIC TREATY FORM, WHEREAS THIS ISSUE WAS LEFT OPEN AS OF OUR LAST TALKS WITH GOP.

3. WE THINK AT THIS STAGE THAT OUR INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED BY RETAINING FLEXIBILITY ON TREATY FORM AND OTHER KEY ISSUES. WE, THEREFORE, PREFER MAINTAIN ABOUT SAME PUBLIC TONE ON EACH OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES
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AT THIS STAGE, MERELY CONVEYING OUR WILLINGNESS EXPLORE
PROSPECTS ON MERIT AS THEY ARISE.
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